



December 14, 2015

RE: New Professionals' Travel Assistance Grant for Attending the ISAAC 2016 Biennial Conference – Sponsored by AssistiveWare®

ISAAC and AssistiveWare® are pleased to announce that funding is once again available for new professionals in the field of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) to attend and participate in the ISAAC Biennial Conference. ISAAC Conference 2016 will be held in Toronto, Canada, August 6–13, 2016.

ISAAC and AssistiveWare® recognize the need to provide incentives to new or recent graduates working in professional fields related to AAC – including Speech-Language Pathology, Special Education, or Occupational Therapy (or equivalent in the applicant's country) – to benefit from international education and networking opportunities. Providing financial support that allows them to attend ISAAC conferences is an important aspect of ISAAC's ongoing work in the field of AAC.

Although we are unable to provide successful applicants with 100% funding to attend Conference 2016, we will carefully evaluate all submissions and provide meaningful financial assistance to up to four (4) applicants (CDN \$500 to each successful applicant). Please note that applicants must be ISAAC members in good standing who meet the criteria for this competitive award, as explained further in the attached application form.

Please complete and submit the attached form and provide supporting documentation by email to Franklin Smith, ISAAC Executive Director franklin@isaac-online.org, by 22:00 GMT on March 14, 2016. Applicants will be advised of the outcome by March 31, 2016.

We look forward to receiving your application. Please note that our biennial Research Symposium will be held on August 12–13, 2016, immediately following the main conference.

Yours sincerely,

Gregor Renner
ISAAC President 2015 – 2018



**Application Form
 Financial Support for New Professionals' Attendance
 at the Biennial Conference of ISAAC 2016
 Travel Assistance Grant Program Sponsored by AssistiveWare[®]**

ISAAC and AssistiveWare[®] are pleased to announce that funding is once again available for the ISAAC travel assistance grant program designed to support new or recent graduates who are working in a professional capacity in the field of AAC to attend and participate in the ISAAC Biennial Conference. ISAAC Conference 2016 will be held in Toronto, Canada, August 6–13, 2016. "New professionals" are defined as recent graduates, i.e., five years or less since graduation, from a recognized academic program related to the field of AAC, e.g., Speech-Language Pathology, Special Education, or Occupational Therapy (or equivalent in applicant's country). A maximum of four grants (CDN \$500 to each successful applicant) will be awarded to offset the costs of attending the conference. The closing date for applications is 22:00 GMT on March 14, 2016. All applicants will be advised of the selection committee's decision by March 31, 2016.

ISAAC Awards & Scholarships are presented every two years in conjunction with the Biennial Conference. Only current ISAAC members are eligible to apply.

Questions concerning this application form should be directed to Franklin Smith, ISAAC Executive Director, franklin@isaac-online.org

Please check carefully to ensure the information submitted is accurate and complete.

Section 1: Personal Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City, Province / State:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Are you a member of ISAAC? Yes No

If relevant, which Chapter of ISAAC?

What is your first language?



Section 2: Curriculum Vitae

A PDF version of your curriculum vitae must be included with the completed application. Please make sure the CV is not longer than two pages. Include all details regarding academic qualifications and current employment related to AAC. Please note that in order to qualify for this grant, 20% of your time must be related to AAC. Please make sure that a Letter of Attestation (see p. 3) is completed by your immediate supervisor.

SECTION 3: CAREER GOALS

3(a) Please specify your professional designation and area of focus:

3(b) In one paragraph, briefly outline how your work supports the field of AAC (maximum 200 words):

3(c) How do you expect your attendance at ISAAC Conference 2016 will benefit your employer, yourself, and others (maximum 200 words)?



6. STATEMENT OF ATTESTATION

Please provide us with a statement of attestation by a supervisor or other person who knows your work, and who can verify your professional involvement in the field of AAC:

I, Name of Supervisor hereby certify that Name of Applicant is working at Name of Organization and is spending a minimum of 20% of his/her time devoted to the field of AAC as required in application for this Travel Award.

Signature of supervisor:

Date:

Email contact:

7. STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE:

I, Name of Applicant declare that the information provided in this application is true at the time of writing. I understand that by submitting this application, if successful I am committed to completing my registration and attending the ISAAC Biennial Conference in Toronto, Canada, August 6-13, 2016.

Signature of applicant:

Date:



8. Checklist for Submission:

- Completed and signed application form (including all required signatures)
- 2-page CV with required details

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